

## REMARKS

### Introductory Remarks

As a preliminary matter, applicant, through his attorneys, hereby affirms election of claims 1-42 for group I, Figs. 1-10 and 12-15, with traverse, as required by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Claims 43-46 (group II, Fig. 11) are directed to a non-elected species.

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

### Closing Remarks

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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